

Meeting community needs in Arkansas. More than **13,000** people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to solve problems and strengthen communities through **70** national service projects across Arkansas. Serving with national and community nonprofit organizations, faith-based groups, schools, and local agencies, these citizens tutor and mentor children, coordinate after-school programs, build homes, conduct neighborhood patrols, organize local homeland security efforts, respond to disasters, and recruit and manage volunteers. This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service will provide more than **\$8,400,000** to support Arkansas communities through three major programs:



Senior Corps: More than **10,000** seniors in Arkansas contribute their time and talents in one of three programs: **Foster Grandparents**, who serve one-on-one with more than **2,700** young people who have special needs; **Senior Companions**, who help more than **500** other seniors live independently in their homes; and **RSVP** volunteers, who work with more than **700** local groups to meet a wide range of community needs, including safety patrols with local police departments, environmental projects, tutoring and mentoring, and responding to natural disasters.



AmeriCorps: This year, more than **500 individuals** are serving in Arkansas communities as AmeriCorps members. In return, the members receive an education award of up to \$4,725 to help pay for college or pay back student loans. To date, more than **1,600** Arkansas residents have qualified for education awards totaling more than **\$7,000,000**. Two-thirds of AmeriCorps grants are made by the Arkansas Commission on National and Community Service. National nonprofits, such as the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and Teach for America, make other assignments. Other members serve in AmeriCorps*VISTA, and AmeriCorps*NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps).



Learn and Serve America: Learn and Serve America provides schools, colleges, and community organizations with grants for service-learning. These grants help make it possible for more than **2,600** Arkansas students to meet community needs while improving their civic and academic skills and learning the habits of good citizenship.

Arkansas Commission on National and Community Service

David Oates, Chair
Linda Soffer, Vice-Chair
Dr. J.C. Babbs Sr.
Ian Cosh
Sherry Enoch
Marshall Hughes
Loren Ivener
William Keaster
Charles King
Maria Mullins
La Warn Rodgers
Shirley Schoettlin
Johnny Smith
Jeff Spillyards
Gloria Stephens
Steve Womack
Dr. Fay Boozman, Ex-Officio
Richard Davies, Ex-Officio
Hugh Durham, Ex-Officio
Dr. Steven Franks, Ex-Officio
Linda Beene, Ex-Officio
Kurt Knickrehm, Ex-Officio
Ed Rolle, Ex-Officio
Opal Sims, Ex-Officio

"We know well the good works of AmeriCorps in Arkansas. The majority of our programs are school-based; addressing needs for tutoring, mentoring, and truancy prevention. We are very grateful for the AmeriCorps Promise Fellows awarded to our state, and are eagerly anticipating their contribution to our overall effort. We only wish there could have been more!"

Governor Mike Huckabee

What's Inside...

* Arkansas At a Glance * Program List
* Contacts

<u>Senior Corps</u>	<u>Projects</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Funding</u>
RSVP	12	9,374	\$836,008
Foster Grandparent Program	6	540	\$1,989,889
Senior Companion Program	3	208	\$766,210
Senior Corps Total	21	10,122	\$3,592,107

<u>AmeriCorps</u>	<u>Program Sites</u>	<u>Members</u> ¹	<u>Funding</u> ²
AmeriCorps*State	14	217	\$2,163,552
AmeriCorps*National	11	210	\$921,054
AmeriCorps*VISTA	22	102	\$1,448,400
AmeriCorps Promise Fellows	1	5	\$144,600
AmeriCorps*NCCC ³	N/A	N/A	N/A
AmeriCorps Total	48	534	\$4,677,606

<u>Learn and Serve America</u>	<u>Grantees</u>	<u>Subgrantees</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Funding</u>
School-based programs	1	12	2,699	\$194,508
Learn and Serve America Total	1	12	2,699	\$194,508

Total National Service Resources	70	12	13,355	\$8,464,221
---	-----------	-----------	---------------	--------------------

¹ This figure represents the number of enrolled members, as of March 15th, 2003. Many AmeriCorps programs have additional slots which may be filled during the 2002-2003 program year.

² This figure does not include the education award that each AmeriCorps member receives after completing a term of service. To date, more than **1,600** Arkansas residents have qualified for education awards totaling more than **\$7,000,000**.

³ Arkansas is served by the AmeriCorps*NCCC campus located in Charleston, South Carolina. In the past year, AmeriCorps*NCCC teams have served on projects in Little Rock, Mountain Pine, and Rogers.



Senior Corps in Arkansas

Primary City or Region	Sponsor Organization Program Name <i>(If different)</i>	Number of Volunteers	Program Type
Arkadelphia	Ouachita Baptist University Southcentral AR FGP	77	Foster Grandparents
Batesville	White River AAA Batesville FGP	78	Foster Grandparents
Batesville	North AR Human Services Sys Inc North Central AR RSVP	715	RSVP
El Dorado	South Arkansas Regional Health Center, Inc. Tri-County RSVP	1,063	RSVP
Ft Smith	Western Arkansas Counseling & Guidance Center Westark RSVP	900	RSVP
Gillham	Dequeen-Mena Educational Co-op Southwest Arkansas FGP	87	Foster Grandparents
Harrison	Ozark Opportunites Inc RSVP Boone/Marion Counties	300	RSVP
Hot Springs	Garland County Council on Aging Garland County RSVP	618	RSVP
Hot Springs	Garland County Council on Aging Garland County SCP	81	Senior Companions
Jonesboro	E AR Area Agency on Aging East Arkansas FGP	53	Foster Grandparents
Jonesboro	E AR Area Agency on Aging East Arkansas RSVP	643	RSVP
Little Rock	AR Department Human Services-Dev Disabilities Dev Disabilities Services FGP	122	Foster Grandparents
Monticello	SE AR Education Service Co-op Se Arkansas FGP	123	Foster Grandparents
Mt Ida	Area Agency on Aging WCA West Central AR SCP	89	Senior Companions
North Little Rock	Central AR Area AAA Central Arkansas SCP	38	Senior Companions
Pine Bluff	United Way of Southeast Arkansas Jefferson County ARr RSVP	681	RSVP
Rogers	Office of Human Concern Inc Northwest Arkansas RSVP	1,500	RSVP
Springdale	Economic Opportunity Agency Inc EOAWC RSVP of NW Arkansas	1,000	RSVP
Stuttgart	Stuttgart Chamber of Commerce Stutgart North AR Co RSVP	424	RSVP



Senior Corps in Arkansas

Primary City or Region	Sponsor Organization Program Name <i>(If different)</i>	Number of Volunteers	Program Type
Texarkana	City of Texarkana AR Greater Texarkana AR RSVP	530	RSVP
Wrightsville	Future Builders Inc RSVP of Central Arkansas	1,000	RSVP
Total Number of National Senior Service Corps Volunteers		10,122	



AmeriCorps in Arkansas

Primary City or Region	Sponsor Organization Program Name (if different)	Number of Enrolled Members	Program Type
Statewide	Good Neighbor Center, Arkansas Arkansas Delta Service Corps	82	AmeriCorps*National
Statewide	Arkansas Commission on Nat'l & Community Service Arkansas' Promise AmeriCorps Program	5	AmeriCorps Promise Fellows
Bentonville	Boys and Girls Club of Benton County Carl and Aileen McKinney Club	3	AmeriCorps*National
Blytheville	St. Francis County Workforce Alliance Mississippi County EOC	1	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Conway	Boys and Girls Club of Faulkner County Making Kids Count: Conway's Promise	18	AmeriCorps*State
Cotton Plant	Cotton Plant School District MEND-Meeting Educational Needs Daily	12	AmeriCorps*State
El Dorado	Arkansas Literacy Councils South Arkansas Regional Health Center	9	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Fordyce	Arkansas Literacy Councils Dallas County Literacy Council	1	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Fordyce	St. Francis County Workforce Alliance New Horizon Community Development Corp.	5	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Forrest City	St. Francis County Workforce Alliance Entrepreneur Corps	3	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Harrison	Student Conservation Association ¹ Buffalo National River	0	AmeriCorps*National
Harrison	Harmony House	2	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Helena	Teach for America Mississippi Delta	119	AmeriCorps*National
Hot Springs	SPA Area Independent Living Services	4	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Hot Springs Village	North Garland County Boys & Girls Club	3	AmeriCorps*National
Leslie	Arkansas Literacy Councils Searcy County Literacy Council	1	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Lexa	St. Francis County Workforce Alliance Entrepreneur Corps	1	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Little Rock	Little Rock Boys and Girls Club Dalton Whetstone Boys & Girls Club	2	AmeriCorps*National
Little Rock	SAFE - Arkansas ¹ Serving America's Farmworkers Everywhere	0	AmeriCorps*National
Little Rock	Student Conservation Association ¹ Outdoor Education Center	0	AmeriCorps*National
Little Rock	Arkansas Children's Hospital HIPPIY Corps Program	20	AmeriCorps*State
Little Rock	Arkansas HIPPIYCorps Project Education Award Program	2	AmeriCorps*State



AmeriCorps in Arkansas

Primary City or Region	Sponsor Organization Program Name (if different)	Number of Enrolled Members	Program Type
Little Rock	Kiwanis Activities Alt. Classroom Experience / Summer Camp Incentive	7	AmeriCorps*State
Little Rock	Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families	2	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Little Rock	Arkansas Disability Coalition	1	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Little Rock	Arkansas Literacy Councils	35	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Little Rock	Arkansas Public Policy Panel	5	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Little Rock	Black Community Developers	6	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Little Rock	Share America	7	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Lonoke	Lonoke School District	13	AmeriCorps*State
Magnolia	St. Francis County Workforce Alliance SW Arkansas Community Development Corp.	3	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Marvell	Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center	1	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Marvell	Save the Children Federation Boys, Girls, Adults, CDC, Inc.	3	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Monticello	SEARK Smart Start Governor's Smart Start Initiative	26	AmeriCorps*State
Monticello	Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative AmeriCorps Digital Divide Program	26	AmeriCorps*State
Monticello	Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative SEARK AmeriCorps Tutoring Program	37	AmeriCorps*State
Monticello	Arkansas Literacy Councils Southeast Arkansas Education Cooperative	1	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Mountain View	Student Conservation Association ¹ Ozark National Forest	0	AmeriCorps*National
North Little Rock	First Baptist Church of Military Heights ¹ St. Francis House Arkansas Mentors Program	0	AmeriCorps*State
Paris	Boys and Girls Club of Paris	1	AmeriCorps*National
Pine Bluff	Area Agency on Aging of Southeast Arkansas Case Management Project for the Adult Disabled	14	AmeriCorps*State
Pine Bluff	Arkansas River Education Service Cooperative AmeriCorps Parents As Teachers	9	AmeriCorps*State
Pine Bluff	United Way of Southeast Arkansas	3	AmeriCorps*VISTA
Roland	Student Conservation Association ¹ Pinnacle Mountain State Park	0	AmeriCorps*National
Stuttgart	University of Central Arkansas Improved Reading Readiness and Reading Skills	10	AmeriCorps*State
Texarkana	City of Texarkana RSVP	4	AmeriCorps*VISTA
West Memphis	Mid-South Community College Community Education Outreach	23	AmeriCorps*State
Wrightsville	Future Builders, Inc.	4	AmeriCorps*VISTA



AmeriCorps in Arkansas

Primary City or Region	Sponsor Organization Program Name <i>(if different)</i>	Number of Enrolled Members	Program Type
Total Number of Enrolled AmeriCorps Members		534	

This figure represents the number of enrolled members, as of March, 2003. Many AmeriCorps programs have additional slots which may be filled during 2003.



Learn and Serve America in Arkansas

Primary City or Region	Sponsor Organization Program Name <i>(if different)</i>	Students	In-State Subgrantees ¹	Program Type
Statewide	Arkansas Department of Education	2,699	12	School-based
Total Number of Learn and Serve Participants		2,699	12	

¹ If the subgrantees of a parent program are listed on this page, they are not also counted in that parent program's subgrant column. Also, subgrantees show a "1" in this column, which refers to themselves.



Through the **President's Student Service Challenge**, students in kindergarten through college receive presidential recognition for their outstanding community service. Students who serve 100 hours or more are eligible for a **President's Student Service Award**. Since 1999, more than 439 Arkansas students have received this award. In the **President's Student Service Scholarship** program, two students from each high school may receive a \$1,000 college scholarship for outstanding service to the community. Since 1997, more than 352 Arkansas students have received these scholarships.



The **National Service-Learning Leader Schools** program recognizes middle and high schools for their excellence in service-learning. Vilonia Middle School has been recognized as a Leader School.

For more information about AmeriCorps programs, contact:

Albert Schneider, Executive Director

Arkansas Commission on National and Community Service

700 South Main Street, Slot S230

Little Rock, AR 72201-4608

Phone: 501-682-6724

Fax: 501-682-1623

E-mail: al.schneider@mail.state.ar.us

Web: www.state.ar.us/dhs/adov/ns_programs.html

*For more information about AmeriCorps*VISTA and Senior Corps programs, contact:*

Opal Sims, State Director

The Corporation for National and Community Service

Federal Building, Room 2506

700 West Capitol Street

Little Rock, AR 72201-3225

Phone: 501-324-5234

Fax: 501-324-6949

E-mail: AR@cns.gov

For more information about Learn and Serve America School Based K-12 programs, contact:

Brazierdene Watts

Arkansas Department of Education

#4 Capitol Mall - Room #402A

Little Rock, AR 72201

Phone: (501) 682-4847

Fax: (501) 682-9026

Email: bwatts@arkedu.k12.ar.us

Web: <http://arkedu.state.ar.us>

For more information about Learn and Serve America Higher Education programs, contact:

Learn and Serve America Higher Education is a national program. The number of higher education programs in each state varies. Please see www.learnandserve.org/about/higher_ed/index.html for the program(s) in your region or contact Learn and Serve America program officer **Calvin Dawson** at 202-606-5000 x215 or cdawson@cns.gov.

*For more information about AmeriCorps*NCCC efforts in Arkansas, contact the regional campus:*

Jeff Biel, Regional Director

AmeriCorps*NCCC Southeast Campus

2231 South Hobson Avenue, Bigelow Hall, Building 202

Charleston, SC 29405-2411

Phone: 803-743-8600

Fax: 803-743-8609

E-Mail: Jbiel@cns.gov